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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, petition of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to absentee ballots. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Alice Hanlon Peisch	Michael E. Festa
David Paul Linsky	Deborah D. Blumer
Ruth B. Balser	Steven M. Walsh
Barbara A. L'Italien	

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 89 of chapter 54 of the Massachusetts  
2 General Laws as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following sentence:— An application by a voter  
5 admitted to a health care facility or confined to a hospice or home  
6 health care may be received up until the time the polls close.

1 SECTION 2. Section 91B of chapter 54(b) of the Massachu-  
2 setts General Laws as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word “prepaid” in line 5 the  
4 word “forthwith”.

1 SECTION 3. Section 91B of chapter 54(c) of the Massachusetts  
2 General Laws as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition is hereby  
3 amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “after noon of the  
4 fifth day” and inserting in place thereof the following words: has  
5 been confined to a hospice program as defined in section 57D of  
6 chapter one hundred eleven, or has been receiving home health  
7 care.

1     SECTION 4. Section 86 of Chapter 54, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following  
3 sentence: Any voter employed by a city or town in the Common-  
4 wealth on the day of, and in the conduct of, any state primary,  
5 state election, preliminary city or town election, regular or special,  
6 and whose application for an official absent voting ballot has been  
7 filed with the city or town clerk as provided in section eighty-  
8 nine, and certified under section ninety-one, may vote in accor-  
9 dance with sections eighty-seven to one hundred and three,  
10 inclusive.